

CARLMONT HIGH SCHOOL
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Belmont

Trivia Hunt: Bay Area high School trivia teams will gather the weekend of Feb. 7-10 for the annual Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt, hosted by Carlmont High School. The Huntmaster, Dr. Bob Hunter, will challenge students to use their best research skills to find answers to obscure questions on topics like radio, geography, sports, music, coins and more. The public is welcome to witness the Reading of the Hunt in Carlmont High School, Student Union, 1400 Alameda de las Pulgas at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 7 and the adjudication on Feb. 10, when each team will present a lawyer to defend their answers and documentation. For more information, call 325-4058.

Concert: Choir members, who sang in the music program when they were students at Carlmont High School are invited to

participate in Carlmont High School's 50th Anniversary Concert on April 1. For more information, visit the Carlmont Web site at www.carlmont.seq.org or contact Carlmont Anniversary Coordinator, Marcy Sanchez at 595-0210, ext. 3409 or e-mail at mtsanche@seq.org.

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Stepping down

AN institution at Carlmont High School is preparing to leave the stage. Terry Stogner, the Belmont school's boys' head basketball coach for 36 years, is going to hang up his whistle at the conclusion of the current season.

That means Wednesday's 3:15 p.m. game against visiting Mills will be Stogner's last chance to roam the Scots' sideline in his home gymnasium. The word "home" is appropriate in this case.

That's because Stogner, in many ways, is Carlmont basketball. A member of the Carlmont class of 1960, he played for the school in the late 1950s. Then, after spending four years at what was then San Francisco State College, he student-taught there for a time. Finally, he returned to his alma mater as a full-time teacher/coach.

He has been a presence at Carlmont for nearly 41 of the school's 50 years of existence. No one else has been associated with Carlmont for that long. As a hoops mentor, he has posted more than 300 wins and three league varsity championships with the Scots. Loyalty has been his hallmark.

He also is Carlmont's long-time athletic director and physical education department chair. He intends to remain in those posts at least through 2003-04, he said. Full retirement is not in the cards at this time. Several years ago, he briefly served as a Carlmont vice principal.

As for his basketball duties, Stogner, 60, who lives in San Carlos, said, "I just realized it was time to bow out." He noted that he considered leaving last year, but didn't.

"I wasn't ready then," he explained, "Now, I am. It's been hard to let go, but I'm going to do it gradually." By coincidence, Stogner's decision comes at the same time the Carlmont community is preparing to observe the school's 50th anniversary.

That event is set for early April.



Which school won trivia contest?

(Hint: it was built 65 years after Millard Fillmore died)

By T.S. Mills-Faraudo

STAFF WRITER

BELMONT — It doesn't necessarily take a lot of brains to answer trivia questions, according to many students participating in the 35th annual Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt.

What it does take, they say, is a lot of dedication, sleep deprivation and a ton of junk food.

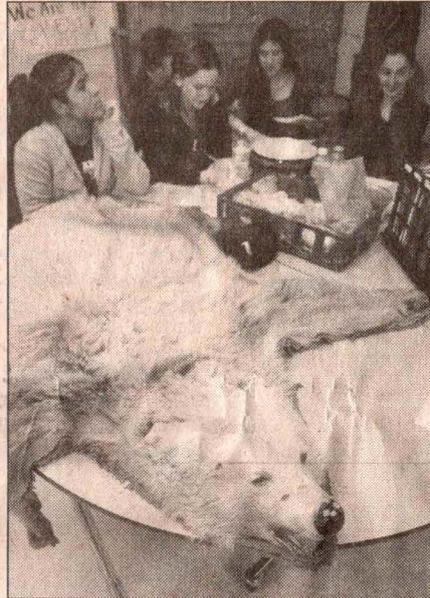
The weekend-long trivia marathon, in which high school students from throughout the Peninsula mount a desperate search for answers to questions, ended Monday evening with the participants defending and providing documentation for their responses.

It was close — in fact very close. But after more than four hours of milling over the answers and eating pizza, Palo Alto High School was victorious, with Castilleja following behind by one point. Last year's champion, Carlmont, which hosted the event, came in third.

Now many of the students want to catch up with some much-needed rest.

"The whole weekend has been emotionally and physically draining, but in the end it was all worth it," said Carlmont senior Stephanie Kimmey, 17.

Teams from seven different schools spent the weekend chasing down answers in books and periodicals.



MATHEW SUMNER — Staff

THE MENLO-ATHERTON team brought a bear skin rug to the Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt at Carlmont High on Monday night.

Many students were stumped by this question: "Do you know a pilot? Ask him/her what similar things are identified/named by the following terms: Romeo, Sierra, Tango, Uniform, Victor and William." Answer: "Each is a term used to designate a U.S. time zone."

One "bring-in" item — something participants had to find and bring to the judges — incited some controversy Monday night.

Students were asked to provide the signature of a Peninsula school district superintendent who is a former Friends of Millard Fillmore Hunt team adviser.

Carlmont and Serra students said schools from the South Bay had an unfair advantage, since the superintendent lives there.

For good luck, Menlo-Atherton's team had a bearskin rug draped across their table Monday night. But it didn't bring enough good fortune. Their score was docked because they left their bring-in items at the library.

Menlo-Atherton senior David Bellumori, 18, who was the "lawyer" for his team — responsible for defending its answers — said it doesn't take that much smarts to answer trivia questions.

"It usually doesn't require a stroke of brilliance," he said. "It usually requires a lot of manpower in the library."

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TRIVIA CHALLENGE



MATHEW SUMNER — Staff

IRIS SCHIMANDLE verifies the sources for the Woodside High team represented by Aggie Karmelita (left) during the Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt at Carlmont High on Monday night.

OVER

Carlmont High School
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Carlmont assistant takes over

By Glenn Reeves

STAFF WRITER

BELMONT — Carlmont High School boys basketball was Stogneresque for so long, it was hard to imagine it any other way.

Rest assured the influence will continue now that longtime assistant James Jewett has been named Terry Stogner's successor as Carlmont head coach.

Jewett has assisted Stogner for 13 years. He served as head coach for part of the 1996 season when Stogner took over

vice principal duties at the school. Jewett also served as the girls basketball head coach for two years and as the head track coach for five years.

"My goal when I started here in 1989 was to be a head coach in 10 years," Jewett said. "But I enjoyed it so much here I never wanted to go anywhere else."

Now Jewett's patience has paid off. Stogner, who coached Carlmont for 36 years, announced his retirement near the conclusion of the 2003 season.

A special education teacher at Carlmont, the 53-year-old Jewett graduated from high

school in Boone, Iowa, in 1968. He went on to compete in football, basketball and track at Lane College in Jackson, Tenn.

"I was the only black kid in my high school," Jewett said. "Then I went away to college and had my first experience as an adult black man in the south, and it was 1968."

Jewett spent six years in the Air Force after graduating from college. He worked for Union Carbide in Concord before starting coaching at Ralston Junior High.

He acknowledges his style will be influenced by Stogner,

the man he worked with for so long. But there will be some differences as well.

"I'm really blessed to have learned the game under coach Stogner," Jewett said. "I learned an awful lot from him. But we'll go a little more up-tempo. I like to run."

As much as Jewett enjoys the environment at Carlmont, it will take some doing to outlast Stogner.

"Let's see," Jewett said, "I've been here 13 years. I need 23 more and I'm 53. I can make it until I'm 76, no problem. I just want to tie him, maybe get one more win."

half a century

mont was striking. Those four years are seared into her memory.

"During the time I was at Carlmont the Vietnam War ended, Watergate happened," she said. It was the government class taught by Hunter, in fact, that was one of her favorites at the time, because it brought these events home. "Here we were studying Machiavelli, and Watergate was happening. We realized at that point that history was being made, that we were living it."

Bill Ring also graduated from Carlmont in 1975, but his memories of the school are very different. Ring was a sports star, eventually going on to be a running back for the 49ers. He will also be inducted into the Hall of Fame next month.

"I have nothing but fond memories of Carlmont High School," Ring said. "I was fortunate to be on some very good teams." He thanks his coaches at Carlmont for guiding his athletic career and inspiring him throughout his life. He

also credits his math teachers with instilling in him a love of numbers, which has stuck with him to this day and helped lead to his work as a personal investment counselor.

"There was very good academics at the school," he said. "You could really pursue a quality education."

The Carlmont 50th anniversary celebration will start with a concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 1 in the Carlmont gym. It will feature the school's women's choir, chamber singers, concert choir, jazz ensemble, alumni jazz band and alumni choir. A reception will follow. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for students. For tickets call 595-0210, Ext. 8712. The school is also planning an open house, fashion show, Hall of Fame presentation and auction from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 5.

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Carlmont High School looks back at

Alumni, teachers, recall turbulent history

By KATHY SCHRENK
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Carlmont High School has endured a lot of changes in 50 years.

It has gone from a lily-white bastion of suburban homogeneity to a microcosm of Bay Area diversity.

It has seen race riots and school closings. It has seen its share of famous people pass through its doors. There has even been a major motion picture — "Dangerous Minds" — based on one of the school's programs.

In April, Carlmont will be celebrating that history with a fashion show and an induction ceremony for the first members of the Carlmont Hall of Fame, including former state superintendent of schools Delaine Eastin, Belmont Councilmember George Metropulos and Don Gielow, a Carlmont grad and longtime district teacher and administrator.

Those who come for the anniversary bash will be remembering their years at the school. Bob Hunter was there for most of them.

Hunter spent 40 years at Carlmont as a teacher, director of student activities and vice principal. To him the most striking change over that time is in the demographics. "It was overwhelmingly a white middle-class student body," Hunter said. "When I left [in 1998] certainly the demo-



SUSAN CALDWELL

A page from the Carlmont past. This is the 1953 yearbook.

graphics of the student body were more representative of the state of California."

The change did not come easily. Carlmont got a lot of attention because of racially charged violence, Hunter said. It all started in the 1970s when the district began busing students from East Palo Alto to other schools, including Carlmont. "There were some pretty hostile kids coming in because in 1976 the decision was made to close Ravenswood High School [in East Palo Alto.] Basically those kids did not want

to be there. There were some violent situations."

The worst trouble occurred one year during the school's annual Christmas concert, which happened shortly before the holiday break. "I don't remember what first started it. But we had a violent confrontation — 200 to 300 kids shouting and screaming at one another."

Terri Cook, who graduated from Carlmont in 1975, remembers that era well. The "race riots" appeared to her to have been blown out of pro-

portion, a simple dispute that got out of hand. "A black guy and a white guy were vying for the same girl. It turned into a racial thing even though it hadn't started out that way.

"There were tensions on campus. There had been since the busing started."

It was a big adjustment for Cook, who is now the Belmont city clerk and is being inducted into the Hall of Fame. She had gone to Immaculate Heart of Mary School for eight years and being thrust into a big high school campus like Carl-

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lose one of their most powerful activities outside the classroom.

"Sports are basically my life," said Heidi Kielty, a Hillsdale high freshman softball pitcher and volleyball player who said that without sports, she would "probably do nothing other than be a normal teenager."

One district — the San Mateo Union High School District — is preparing to slash its entire sports budget. The SMUHSD is expecting to be hit harder than most because it is a "basic aid" district, meaning it is largely supported by the local property taxes the state is planning to reclaim and use to address California's \$35 billion budget deficit.

Allison Smith excels in three sports in that district — softball, basketball and tennis — explaining "sports are a part of my personality." The Burlingame junior hopes to earn a college scholarship in softball, but said sports benefit more than just those who play them.

"Sports can create a lot of school and community pride. I think we would lose that if we didn't have football games to go to on Friday nights," she said. "The team is a common cause for the students, even if they don't like sports."

By cutting all funding for athletics at Burlingame, Capuchino, Mills, San Mateo, Aragon and Hillsdale high schools, the district plans to save \$1.15 million. Also, 24 teachers, administrators and several support programs are being cut.

The good news is that some administrators do not believe the state's cuts will actually happen as indicated. Several local legislators are voicing opposition, and insiders say there are indications the governor's position may soften.

Sequoia Union High School District is betting on it. It is also basic aid, but unlike SMUHSD, it is not touching athletics.

"We're not planning for the worst case," said Sequoia's new Superintendent Pat Gemma. "If it happens, then we'll make the dire conditions. But right now, we're continuing to try to work with the governor to get the property tax grab off the agenda."

Some view SUHSD's stance as a risk because, if the cuts go through, it would have to make difficult last-minute decisions about its budget and staffing. Sequoia, Carlmont, Woodside and Menlo-Atherton high schools belong to the district.

Other districts

Because they are not basic aid, the South San Francisco Unified and Jefferson Unified school districts will escape the brunt, but not all, of the state's cuts.

South San Francisco is planning to eliminate its reimbursement for athletic referees. "That means more fund raising on the part of the school and teams. It doesn't mean the program is going to end," said SSFUD Superintendent George Kozitza.

The Jefferson district is asking its larger schools — Jefferson, Terra Nova and Westmoor — to cut \$25,000, or 26 percent, of their athletic budgets, according to Superintendent Mike Crilly. The smaller Oceana High could lose 38 percent of its \$15,000 budget.

"Undoubtedly, it is going to reduce the number of teams that will be supported by school," Crilly said, adding that each school has been tasked with deciding which teams to cut.

Westmoor, a school that already lost its football pro-

gram, has decided it would chop girls varsity soccer, boys frosh-soph soccer and swimming, according to Principal Dick Morosi.

"We tried to balance out the sports equally," Morosi said. "I met with the athletics directors and we looked at it as practically as we could. In certain sports, you need to have a frosh-soph team in order for other teams to schedule you, like basketball. In soccer, it is easier to work, schedule-wise, without a frosh-soph team. We also looked at which sports were added most recently."

Westmoor formed its girls' soccer team three years ago and had 46 girls try out this year, said Coach Evelyn Sanchez-Ciolino. There was only one team for varsity and frosh-soph players, and now that team is likely getting a red card.

Positive for players

"I don't see why they think they can save money on a program like [girls' soccer] that can help out so much," Sanchez-Ciolino said. "The girls have so much to look forward to with soccer. They know where they need to be after school and they feel like they're a part of something. It means a lot to them to be together and to learn how to socialize with each other. It's also good for them to know they need the grades."

Public schools require athletes to maintain at least a "C" grade average to be eligible, and athletes have higher grades than their classmates on average.

The benefits of athletics go deeper than grades, according to Westmoor boys soccer coach Omar Rashid. "Sports saved me, and they saved a lot of my friends," he said. "We all grew up in a low income area. You

may not have enough money to go to the movies, or out to dinner, but you always have sneakers and can go down to the basketball courts."

Part of Rashid's concern is that many kids do not have positive activities at home, and with more and more parents working, sports keep students at school and away from unsupervised situations where they can get into trouble.

Aragon soccer coach Mike Flynn agreed that athletics reach many vulnerable students.

"I really believe that without athletics, there are a lot of kids who wouldn't graduate," he said. "If you look at the programs that they're cutting, it seems like they are all the ones that are providing an outlet for the kids that aren't the straight, highly academically-motivated ones."

Unifying source

"Sports bring together kids who wouldn't ordinarily interact," said Capuchino softball and soccer coach Marty Jenkins. "Even kids who just flat-out don't get along off the field at the beginning of the season bond and learn to get along and work together."

Westmoor senior Christina Sanchez has seen the bonding first-hand. "Soccer is really good because it's a team sport," she said. "It brings all the girls together like a sisterhood."

Sports also help bring families together, noted Kielty.

"A lot of parents will work at the snack bar or help manage the team," she said. "It's really good to see because kids can really get along with their families a lot more."

The bonding can even extend to siblings, said Kielty. Her older sister, Molly, is a first baseman on the softball team and the two have forged a part-

nership instead of a rivalry. "If I have a bad game, she tells me things I can work on to improve and vice versa. We're just there for each other."

Other options

Since the state budget won't be finalized until at least July, possibly later, no one knows exactly what will happen. Schools may be able to salvage athletic programs by making them "pay to play," where the costs of the program will be borne by parents and the students themselves. Athletic booster clubs may be called upon to do an unprecedented amount of fund raising to keep the balls rolling.

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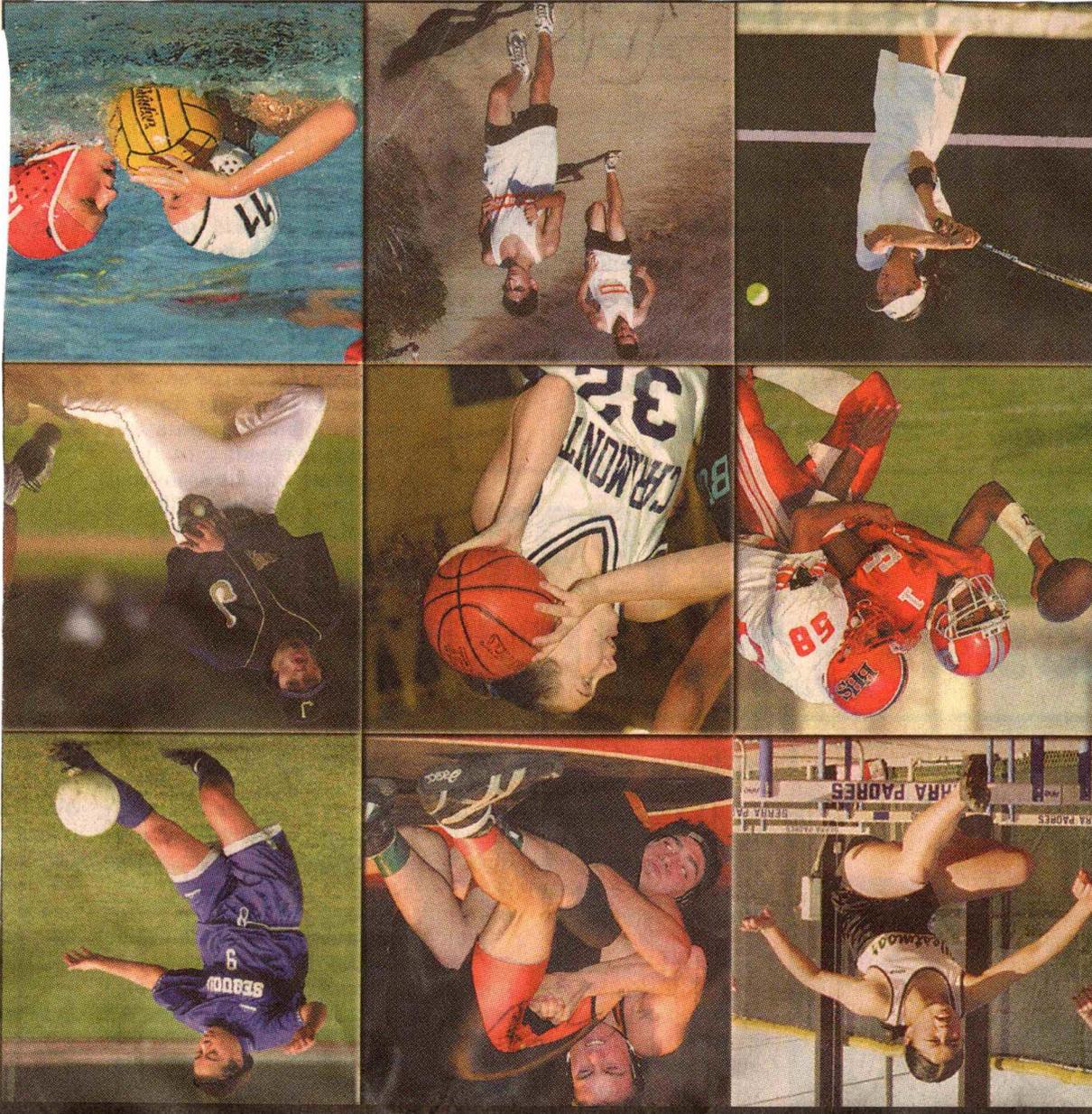
The future of high school athletics is up in the air because of the state budget crunch, but one thing is certain — local athletes, coaches and referees are not ready to throw in the towel.

County athletes are concerned that high school sports might be scrapped because of the state's proposed budget cuts. Most local school districts are planning to cut their athletic spending. The proposed cuts would affect equipment and transportation budgets, coaches' salaries and most importantly, athletes, who stand

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California's budget crunch threatens to spoil school sports

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Two star pitchers have great seasons

By Jordan Robertson
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Jerrica Castagno saw the post-season before the regular season even began.

After a second-place finish in last month's Circle of Champions tournament — considered one of the Central Coast Section's toughest tournaments and a reliable early indicator of a team's section ranking — the junior pitcher from Carlmont High of Belmont was able to predict a lot about this season.

First: If Carlmont continues to play well, the team will likely face North Salinas — and hotshot pitcher Monica Abbott — again somewhere in the sectional competition. Carlmont lost 4-0 to North Salinas in the pitcher's-duel championship game at the Circle of Champions, and both teams are now considered top contenders for the section title.

And second: Being Carlmont's top pitcher will be a lot of hard work — work that Castagno, 16, says she's prepared for.

"I've been ready for this," she said. "I've been working up toward being the starting pitcher, so I'm ready."

Castagno was named the Circle of Champions MVP, pitching 3½ games, including the last five innings of the championship game, in which she didn't give up a run. Her main weapons are a 65-mph fastball and a solid changeup.

The tournament was a good starting point for Castagno and the Carlmont team. The following week, they began league play with an important 2-1 win over Burlingame, which, along with Half Moon Bay and Capuchino of San Bruno, should be Carlmont's stiffest competition in the Peninsula Athletic League — Bay Division.

Things only got better from there.

After last weekend's action, Carlmont was 18-3 overall and 6-0 in league play. Castagno, who is usually reserved for the team's tough games, is 3-0 in league play and 10-2 overall.

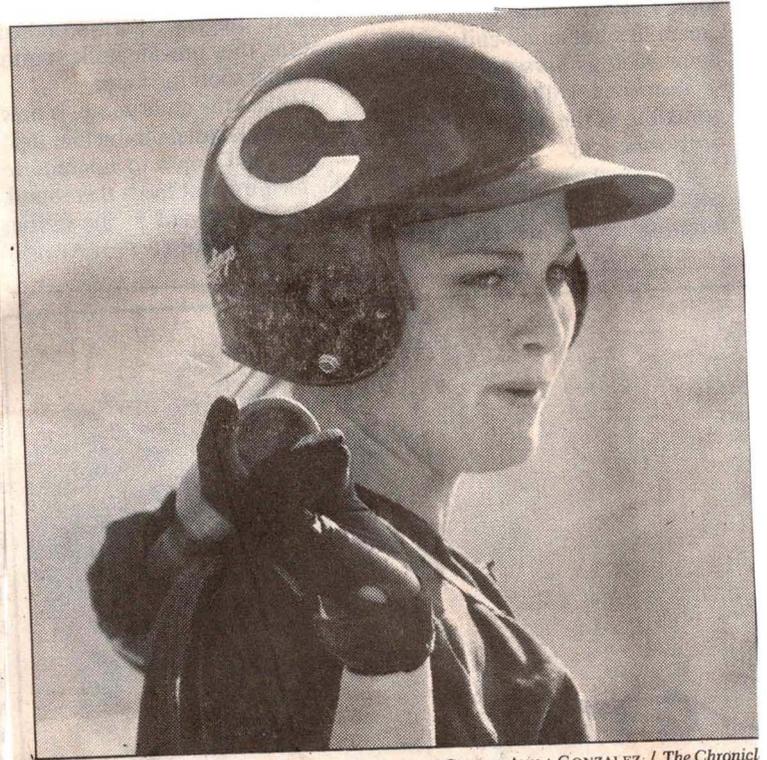
She has given up only one earned run so far, and was vital in the team's 1-0 win over Capuchino, striking out seven, walking two and giving up two hits.

Castagno took over the top pitching spot this season from Monique Castillo, last year's starter, who is not playing this year. Castagno's not without experience: In Carlmont's Division II CCS win last year, Castagno pitched in the semifinals and saved the game in the final innings of the championship match versus Archbishop Mitty of San Jose.

She finished the season with a 10-4 record overall. Carlmont head coach Jim Liggett says Castagno's postseason play last year proved she had the maturity and skill to start this year.

"We've seen her since she was in eighth grade, and we knew she had a lot of potential," he said. "We knew we had a great pitcher."

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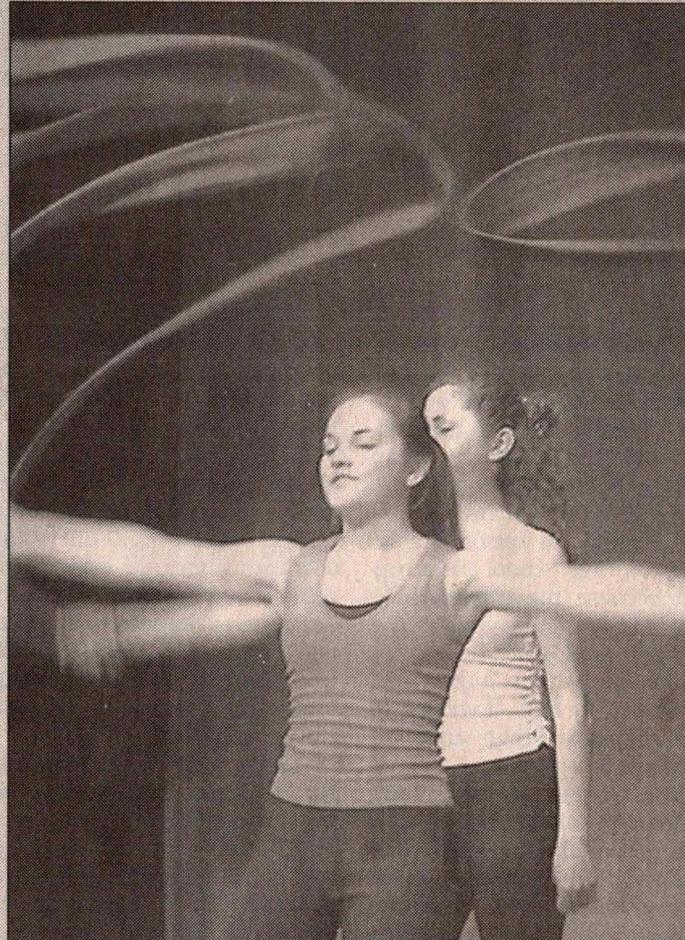
Jerrica Castagno is Carlmont High's top pitcher.

Pitching coach Walt McElroy said after the Circle of Champions event that Castagno proved herself a solid team leader.

"She did really well," he said. "She overwhelmed some of the players out there, she throws so hard. It makes our team a little more confident to have a dominant pitcher, just knowing that the balls aren't going to get hit that hard."

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Preparing for the dance



SPECIAL TO THE INDEPENDENT

Jamie Hashimoto of the Carlmont Dancers rehearses last week for "Dance, Dance, Dance," a production that runs Wednesday through Saturday in the Carlmont High School Little Theater. Show times are 7:30 each night and tickets are \$8 general admission, \$6 for students, seniors and children under 12. For reservations, call 595-0210, Ext. 8712.

SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Layoff warnings to go to 49

■ Teachers are prime target, but plan to cut nurses also sparks controversy

By T.S. Mills-Faraldo

STAFF WRITER

REDWOOD CITY — Forty-nine Sequoia Union High School District certificated personnel — most of them teachers — will likely receive layoff notices by Thursday.

Sequoia trustees Tuesday agreed to send pink slips to 33 temporary teachers, 10 full-time teachers, two school nurses, two administrators and two retired teachers.

School districts are required by state law to send final layoff notices by Thursday to employees with teaching certificates who may not be rehired for the next school year. Eighty-eight of the district's teachers received preliminary layoff notices on March 15.

But Debra Moore Washington, assistant superintendent of human resources, said they will likely be able to rescind many of these layoffs if the budget situation changes.

The reductions would save the district about \$2.4 million.

Trustees also agreed to lay off some non-teaching employees, including bus drivers and

grounds workers, saving the district more than \$400,000.

The district's choice to eliminate three nursing positions has received the most resistance from the Sequoia Union High School District Teachers Association. In addition to the two nurses that are being laid off, the district also plans not to replace a third who is retiring. This will leave only one nurse to serve the district's approximately 8,000 students.

"We think the district has gone too far," said Mike Radoye, president of the association.

Trustees, Radoye said, are ignoring the association's compromise proposal to keep the two nurses and not replace the one retiring.

"They (trustees) remain inflexible," he said.

But during the meeting Tuesday, several trustees said they have reservations with having only one nurse in the district.

"I'm concerned about how we're going to transition to serve all our students," said Gordon Lewin.

The trustees agreed to study the situation further and possibly look at bringing back the nurses.

Carlmont nurse Judy Sencenbaugh, who would be the one left to provide services for the entire district, is worried for the students.

Many students are not insured, she said, and some suffer from mental problems that other employees in the district wouldn't know how to handle.

"It frightens me a little bit," she said. "I wouldn't be able to spend a lot of time with the students."

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Heads of the class



SPECIAL TO THE INDEPENDENT

Carlmont High School is proud to announce its valedictorian and salutarian for the class of 2003. CoCo Robinson of Belmont (left) is valedictorian and Anne-Marie Becker of San Carlos is salutarian.

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MATHEW SUMNER — Staff

STUDENTS AT Carlmont High School's Business Technology Academy have created collages like this one, containing messages of tolerance.

Carlmont's class teaches about differences

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about gay and lesbian rights. She wrote an article about how a police academy denied admission to someone who was gay.

Some of the other newsletters covered the rights of women, disabled people and Spanish speakers.

Students who worked on the project are in Carlmont's Business Technology

Academy, a state-funded program geared toward helping struggling students. Started in the mid '80s, the academy has a special curriculum. Class sizes are smaller and there is more one-on-one interaction between staff and students, who are hand-picked to be in the program.

Many of the themes the students explored are embedded in the plays performed by TheatreWorks. "The Syringa Tree" is about apartheid, while "The Legacy Codes" was in-

spired by the saga of racially profiled nuclear physicist Wen Ho Lee.

TheatreWorks plans to display the project around the community in the future.

Currently, it's on display in Carlmont's library. In addition to the newsletters, there are also collage-like posters with students' pictures and quotes as well as inspirational sayings like, "Freedom Speaking" and "Stomp Down Hate Rage."

Carlmont junior Wes

Nunes, 16, said the project made him more open minded.

"This project changed the way a lot of people think," he said. "I learned that a lot of people don't think like I do."

The project will be on display in the Carlmont library until 2:30 p.m. Friday.

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form or not," said cheer advisor Melanie Fuentes. "They are the unofficial school ambassadors and are held to a very high standard."

In the last two years, the 49er cheerleaders have chosen the cheerleaders for Carlmont. They base the final cut on dances performed at an audition.

This year's squad included three team captains: seniors Jessica Blodgett, Tara Burke and Stephanie Rosen.

Blodgett has cheered for seven years, including three years as a captain. "She always has been a good cheerleader. This year she shined as a captain and choreographer even more than before," Fuentes said.

Blodgett hopes to cheer for Chapman University in Southern California next year. She is a part of the Advanced Dance class, babysits, plays the drums and likes to hang out with friends.

Blodgett participated in the basketball halftime show, shooting a basket against a pep squad member. As her shot swished through, the crowd cheered for her excellent victory.

Burke has been on Carlmont's squad for four of her six years in cheerleading. She said she enjoyed being a part of this year's squad, and being alongside her best friend Blodgett.

"Into the real world, and cut with the fake people," Burke said.

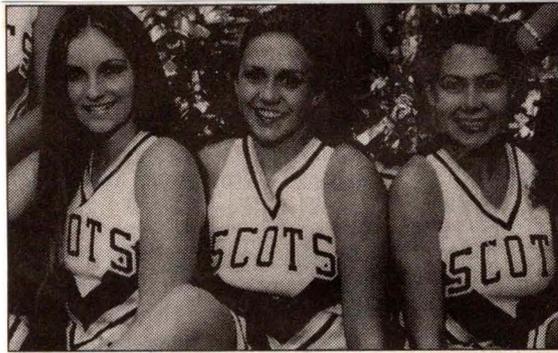
Rosen keeps busy by doing volunteer work at her church, babysitting, baking and working at Nordstroms part-time. Responsibly, she pays for 25 percent of her uniform.

She has been a cheerleader for five years and hopes to continue at Sacramento State. "Cheerleaders get put on the bottom of the totem pole, but we hold everyone up with school spirit," Rosen said.

Blodgett added, "Every year has been a learning experience I will never forget."

Leila Vega is a Carlmont senior Associated Student Body sports commissioner and the 2003 Prom queen.

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The three spunky Scots are, from left to right, Tara Burke, Jessica Blodgett and Stephanie Rosen.

(OVER)

Fueling school spirit

Carlmont cheerleaders deserve greater respect

By LEILA VEGA
Student Writer

What is Carlmont's stereotype of a cheerleader? The first thought that comes to mind when students think of the word "cheerleader" is a blonde, flirtatious, popular, conceited, prep...

But not all cheerleaders fit these labels. In fact, many cheerleaders carry good qualities that many people overlook. "They're actually nice people once you get to know them," said Carlmont student Keven Ramirez.

The cheerleaders play an important role in school spirit, especially when it comes to sports. They attend football and basketball games to support athletes and to get the crowd's morale up.

When Carlmont holds open house, the cheerleaders are there to support the Scots once again. This helps some people realize that cheerleaders are punctual, outgoing and talented individuals.

The cheerleaders showed great Carlmont pride during the school's recent 50th anniversary show. These energetic performers are also a huge part of Carlmont's assemblies and lunchtime rallies, and many will remember how they beat the dance squad in a tug-a-war. As is their style, the cheerleaders didn't gloat in the victory.

Not only do these spunky Scots spread spirit in school, but they also represented Carlmont in the San Carlos Hometown Days parade.

The details

Carlmont's squad is non-competing and consists of 20 varsity cheerleaders plus 15 junior varsity. Meeting cheerleader requirements can be surprisingly costly. Camp alone averages about \$300 for four days of labor. As for their entire uniform, from head-to-toe the expenses add up to at least \$600.

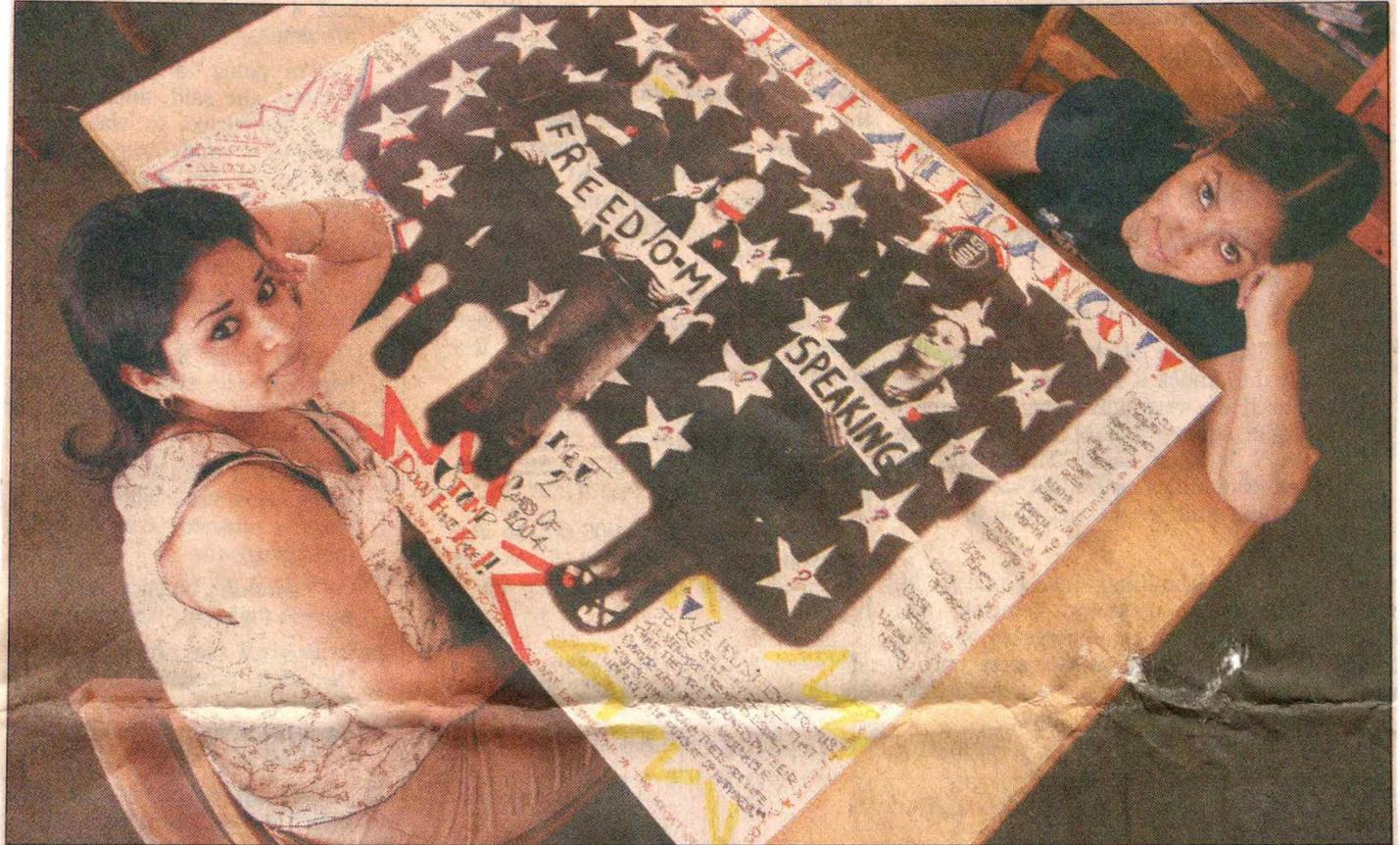
That is just the financial commitment; there are social requirements as well.

"Cheerleaders are often the primary focus of any school, and I hold them responsible for their actions whether they are in uni-

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TEENS DELVE INTO DIFFERENCES



MATHEW SUMNER — Staff

SONIA CARDENAS (left) and Elizabeth Santiago, students at Carlmont High School's Business and Technology Academy in Belmont, are shown with the poster they and other students put together as part of "Project Interact."

'Project Interact' aims to open students' minds

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BELMONT

WHEN 17-year-old Sonia Cardenas was first assigned to work on a newsletter about gay and lesbian rights, she thought it was sort of weird.

But with time, the Carlmont High School junior's views changed.

"They're human beings just like us, and it doesn't matter what they like or dislike," she said.

Cardenas is one of about 150 students at

Carlmont who worked on "Project Interact," a venture meant to encourage students to reach across boundaries.

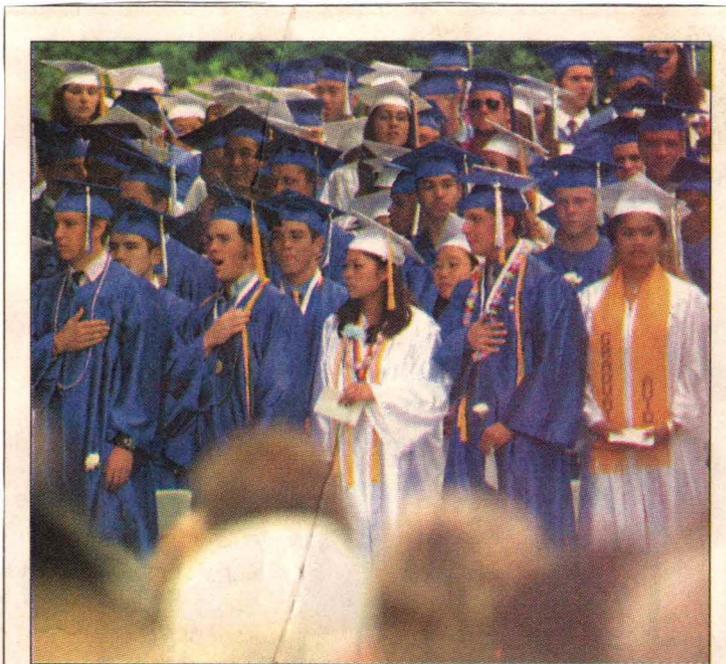
Carlmont students were grouped with students from Gunn High School in Palo Alto to work on newsletters covering different civil rights. They received help primarily from their classes, the Internet and TheatreWorks, a repertory theater in Palo Alto.

Cardenas spent almost a month with several other students putting together The Rainbow Times, a newsletter with articles

"This project changed the way a lot of people think. I learned that a lot of people don't think like I do."

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16, CARLMONT
JUNIOR

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ERIN DAY

Carlmont High School graduates stood and repeated the Pledge of Allegiance with audience members during the start of the school's 2003 commencement ceremony held June 13.

Carlmont coaches up for naming honors

The Sequoia school board, at its Sept. 17 meeting, will consider a proposal to name three Carlmont athletic facilities after the following people:

Terry Stogner

Stogner guided the Carlmont boys' basketball team for 36 years and 810 games before stepping down at the end of last season. He led the Scots to three league titles, including a magical 28-3 run in 1985 that didn't end until the NorCal semifinals. More than the standings, it was the chance to have an impact on the lives of so many young men that Stogner really cherished.

"The ages of 14 to 18 are a great time in life," he said. "I hope (my players) felt they were treated fairly and they were treated by someone who cared about them."

Stogner didn't receive a single technical foul in his tenure.

Glenn Kovas

Kovas coached at Carlmont for 41 years, including 31 as the water polo coach. He guided the Scots to 635 varsity wins and 413 frosh-soph victories. In his 36 years as swim coach, the team had just two losing seasons. Kovas retired in 2000, although he still helps out with the team today.

"He pushed us to our limits and to try harder," former player Sean Lenny said. "He taught us to recognize that what we thought was impossible was achievable."

Jim Liggett

Liggett retired from teaching at the end of last season but continues on as the winningest high school softball coach in the country. Under his tutelage, the Scots claimed six Central Coast Section championships, including back-to-back tittles in 2001-02. According to Stogner, Liggett built the women's sports program at Carlmont.

"The wins and losses have nothing to do with it," Stogner said. "He gave his life and his career to a single effort."

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Carlmont field names put on hold after snafus

New policy will be challenged at at Sept. 17 meeting

BY JESSE JAMES SMITH
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REDWOOD CITY — Glenn Kovas was savoring one of the most important acknowledgements of his life when utter embarrassment struck.

The former Carlmont High School coach of 41 years had the school's new aquatic center named after him at an informal gathering on June 1. His name was posted above the pool, and he proudly posed for a few photos while his family and friends clicked away.

But two months later, when he returned for a poolside news photo, the sign was missing. It was removed by the Sequoia Union High School District, along with similar signs recognizing Jim Liggett and Terry Stogner.

The district board adopted a new policy in August that discourages facility namings, putting Carlmont's plans on hold, as well as those for naming Menlo-Atherton's library.

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Longtime Carlmont softball coach Jim Liggett rallies his team. He is one of three Scots coaches up for an honorary field naming.

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"It was very embarrassing for all of us, but especially for me," Kovas said of his surprising realization. "I play 'old man softball' and some of the guys were like, 'hey, what happened to your sign?' Someone even suggested I could place it on my garage."

The future of the sign will be discussed at the Sept. 17 SUHSD meeting, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the district office, 480 James Ave., Redwood City.

Carlmont Principal Andrea Jenoff said she plans to make a case for re-installing the three signs at her campus.

"These individuals were chosen by the community. They are wonderful people who have devoted their lives to sports and the facilities that they're connected to. Each one has devoted in excess of 30 years, and that is not just school days, but a lot of weekends and evenings," Jenoff said.

She added that the school began making plans to honor the coaches last fall during the school's 50th anniversary celebration.

"We advertised (the facility namings), and we went out to various school groups and staff," she said. "We found overwhelming support. Much of it was written, like e-mails. I would say there were 700 people who were positive and not one who was negative."

Stogner, who is the athletics director and basketball coach, said he got carried away in the optimism.

"We had the approval of the PTA and the governance council. The next step was to have the board approve it, and I just jumped the gun," he said. "I thought it was a slam dunk."

School board President Don Gibson and board member Lorraine Rumley agreed that the Carlmont will be viewed in a unique light.

"They started the (naming) process before we changed the policy, so we'll have to take that into consideration," said Rumley.

Added Gibson, "Our policy was in flux at the time, so personally, I won't hold them to as

rigid of guidelines as I will in the future."

Naming criteria

The new policy stipulates four criteria the board will consider for future facility namings: 1) Preference for deceased individuals, "and in extraordinary circumstances individuals who are living." 2) Community participation in the naming process. 3) "Contributions of at least 25 percent of the construction cost of a facility, or significant land donation." 4) Donor designations will still be allowed if the individual has made "outstanding contributions to the community."

Gibson stressed that the board is not making a money grab. "(The honorees) don't have to meet all four criteria.... That (reference to money contribution) is just to give someone an idea of what it would take if they wanted to donate money and have a building named after them."

Walls of fame

The board wrote that it hopes schools will develop less permanent ways to honor people. It took action now because many of its schools — Sequoia, Menlo-Atherton, Carlmont and Woodside — are completing construction as part of the \$88 million bond measure passed in 2001.

"We would like the schools to come up with a wall of honor or something like that," Gibson said. "That is probably better than buildings, because first off, there are a limited number of buildings, and it can become controversial. We're trying to keep it from getting controversial because that can eat up a lot of board time — time that we would rather spend on education."

Rumley added, "If we have plaques that honor people, then we can always add another plaque. We can also write on the plaque why we're honoring that person, instead of just having their name on the building."

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French invasion a happy success

Exchange students stay with local host families from Carlmont High

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BELMONT — Guillaume Bouchard has had a whirlwind tour of the Bay Area. The French student visited the Golden Gate Bridge, toured Alcatraz and took pictures of other famous San Francisco sights. But despite the world-famous locales, the reality of being away from home for two weeks was beginning to set in.

"No good bread," Bouchard said.

Bouchard, 17, was one of 36 French students who stayed with Carlmont High School students for a cultural exchange program. They finished their American experience with a Halloween rally at the high school. The French visit reciprocates the experience local students had in June, when 18 of them traveled to the Haute Savoie region of France, south of Geneva. While there, the American teens stayed with French families.

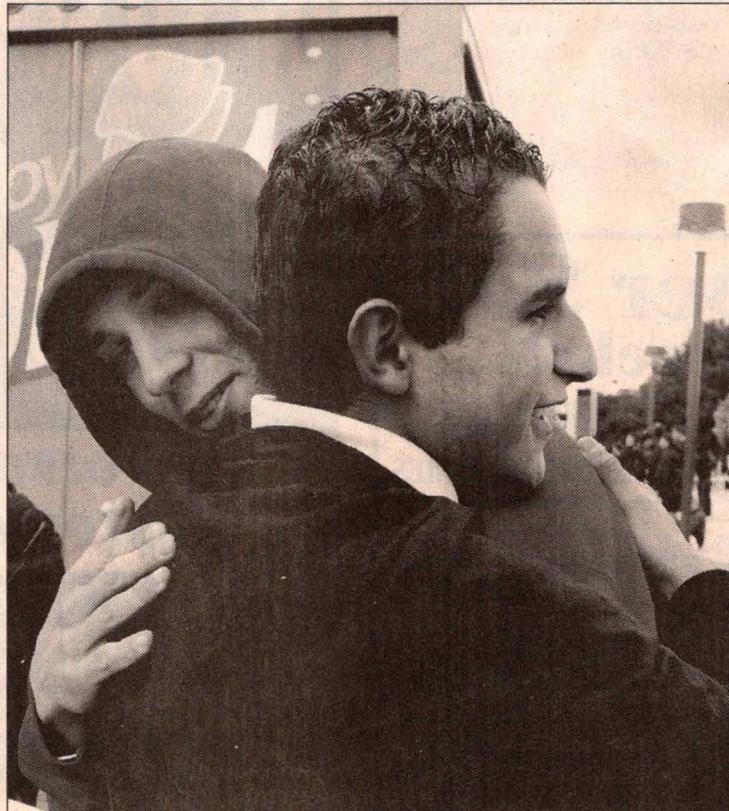
On the Carlmont campus, the visitors were treated to Halloween sights of costumed angels, flappers and firemen. The French were more used to dressing up on Mardi Gras in the spring.

"Le Halloween" was the exchange of culture that Carlmont French teacher Kathy Burton was hoping for. The exchange happens every other year. International politics have threatened to slow down the program but did not halt it completely. The war in Iraq did not stop the Carlmont students from visiting at the end of last school year.

"I am committed to making this a true exchange," Burton said.

All the families who hosted the French students were families of students taking French at Carlmont.

Bouchard's reasons for



SUSAN CALDWELL

Oct. 31 was the last day at Carlmont High School for several French exchange students. Carlmont student Victor Hernandez got a thank you hug from Matthew Liatoud, under the hood, for a going away gift. Hernandez was a host to another French student, but these two had also become friends.

coming included visiting American universities and improving his English. Emilie Croset, 18, said she came over for the shopping and the travel.

"It's been very nice," she said. "Alcatraz is interesting because of the architecture."

She marveled at the American tradition of students switching classrooms every hour and never staying with the same group the whole day.

"At home, it's always the same people," she said. "(This campus) is very big."

Lunch for the French students was suddenly interrupted by a few Carlmont host students, who came bearing gifts on the visitors' last day in California. Americans brought framed pictures, hats and CDs, wrapped in boxes.

Pop culture was a common ground.

"They're more similar than they are different," said Alex Sjoman, a Carlmont junior. He and the student he hosted were surprised to share an affinity for the same music with such bands as Blink 182 and Green Day.

Carlmont junior Richie Razor traveled to France as part of the exchange and said his visit dispelled the usual stereotypes of haughty French people.

"I was surprised how nice they were in southern France," he said.

While the visit to the Bay Area seemed to be a success with these out-of-towners, home never sounded so good to the French teens. Bread and familiar loved ones await.

"I miss my boyfriend," Croset said.

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